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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2004. This Response is filed together with a one-month Request for Extension of Time that allows for timely filing of this submission up to and including December 27, 2004. Please debit out Deposit Account No. 02-4553, as necessary under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for this Response and for any payments with respect to new claims.

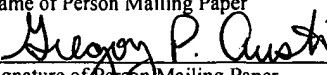
Applicants request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office consider the following remarks and enter the following changes. Reconsideration and allowance of all presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

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